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A Tale of Rue.

Of all the tired passengers of the midnight express bound eastward over the Old Colony road, perhaps there was not one more thoroughly used up than John Coleman, Esq., of the law firm of Coleman & Riggs, Ashland, Massachusetts. From the morning of November 1, when he had started for San Francisco, till the evening of this December 1, he had been constantly on the wing. To aggravate his fatigue, the trip, in a business view had been highly unsatisfactory, if not unnecessary.

But as he drew nearer home his scowl vanished, and the lines about his firm mouth softened. Stretching his long-suffering limbs across the seat, he spread the *Evening Journal* between his aching eyes and the glare of the bobbing lamps, and indulged in tender speculations. How would Rue look when he appeared before her next morning, two days earlier than he had promised? She might be watering her plants in the bay-window, and he would walk in nonchantly, as if he had left her the evening before, and say, "Good morning, Rue," and she would drop her watering-pot and rush toward him, all smiles and blushes, crying, "Oh, John! John! how glad I am to see you! how I've missed you!"

Dear, warm-hearted, impulsive little Rue! She certainly was fond of him. He wished he had never been such a brute as to reproach her about Mr. Lynde. He was convinced now that she had not really cared for the fellow. She had only been cordial with him in her free, girlish way. What charming, inimitable ways she had! The lover's reverie merged into a dream. Mr. Coleman was unconscious of the slacking of the train at B—, and of the entrance of two young gentlemen into the seat in front; but the name of Miss Rue Haywood, spoken almost in his ear, aroused him like an electric shock.

"Mr. Lynde is bewitched with her, that's plain," continued the voice. "He's having a fine time out of Coleman's absence."

"Pluperfect," said an answering voice. "They say Miss Rue wouldn't mind Coleman's taking himself off for good."

"He's an able man. You know there's talk of running him for Congress."

"Oh yes; he's 'a dig,' and all that; but he's a crotchety fellow. Makes Miss Rue walk Spanish, I hear. By-the-way, how are she and Mr. Lynde coming on with the operetta? I had to cut last rehearsal."

"Famously. Miss Rue's solo will bring down the house. Lynde thinks the entertainment will foot up at least one hundred dollars toward the new organ. He's jubilant. I believe that instrument comes next to Miss Rue in his affections. Can't he get the music out of it, though? Halloo, here's Ashland!"

Wincing beneath his newspaper, Mr. Coleman had recognized the voices as those of two college students returning from a lecture at B—. Forgetful at last of travel stain, weariness and headache, he waited till the youths had left the car, then walked out at the opposite end, his whole energies engrossed in weighing the evidence so gratuitously afforded. How far could he rely on current gossip? What attitude should he assume toward Rue? Morning found him undecided. He must be governed by Rue's own manner. As a test of her feelings toward him he would ask her for his sake to withdraw from the operetta. If she loved him she would do this cheerfully. If she would not do it—Mr. Coleman had not provided for the latter contingency when Bridget ushered him into Mr. Haywood's parlor. Miss Rue and Mr. Lynde were practicing a duet for the operetta, both too rapt to observe the intruder—a fact inexplicable on musical grounds to poor Mr. Coleman, who did not know the notes apart, or care to know them. According to his inference, the young people were absorbed in each other, and he was off in limbo. Under these circumstances it may not be strange that his face, that instant spied by Miss Rue, was not the face of an amiable man. It promptly reminded Mr. Lynde of a waiting pupil, and having congratulated Mr. Coleman on his safe return, he hustled his music under his arm and departed in haste.

Miss Rue wheeled the big easy-chair in front of the grate, playfully forced her sullen suitor into it, and perched herself on its arm to hear about his journey. Had he been ill? No? Then he must be fearfully tired. She knew his head ached. Shouldn't she try to magnetize it, and put him to sleep?

No, he preferred that she should not. He had kept his eyes closed too long already.

As well might a zephyr have attempted to pet an iceberg. With a shiver Miss Rue slipped from her perch, and seated herself with her work in a neighboring rocker. What had come over John? She had never seen him like this before. He did not seem a bit glad to meet her. He turned away from the distracting vission, mentally preparing his brief—this astute lawyer, as ignorant of he nature of a girl as an elephant of the structure of a rose. Presently he began about the festival. He admitted that Rue had once confided to him her intention of participating in an operetta, but he had supposed an operetta to be something like an orstorio, not a jumble of silly love song. Did she think it becoming in herself, an engaged young lady, to carol amorous ditties from morning to night with a tuneful swain?

"They are burlesques, John—only burlesques. If I had dreamed of your disapproving, I wouldn't have promised to sing; but I can't retract now."

"Not when I particularly request it, Rue?"

"Indeed, no, John. I have the leading part. I can't refuse to act without offending Mr. Lynde."

"On the other hand, you can't persist in acting without offending me."

"Now, John, do be reasonable. How should I feel, announcing at the next renearsal that I must be excused—Mr. Coleman was not willing to have me connected with the operetta? What would Mr. Lynde think?"

"Oh, if his opinion has more weight with you than mine, I will retire."

"John, you're too absurd. Can't you see how ridiculous it would look for me to throw up my part the moment you came home? People would say you were jealous of Mr. Lynde."

"The jackanapes!"

"And that you were a Blue-beard. John, I'm not sure, but they'd be right."

"If I'm a tyrant, Ruefelle, you're an amazingly fearless Fatima."

"I don't propose to be your Fatima, John."

What did Rue intend by that? The wrinkle in Mr. Coleman's forehead deepened into a trench, his brown face flushed like an oak in October.

"Please lay aside paradoxes, Ruefelle. Do you mean you don't wish to marry me? Rumor has told me as much."

In truth Miss Rue had meant nothing of the kind, but her lover's insulting tone exasperated her into silence. Had it come to this that she could not wink without first consulting his lordship? Her blue eyes flashed ominously, the steel hook in her fingers darted out of her crocheting with a murderous rapidity.

"Rumor has told me as much," repeated Mr. Coleman, as impressively as if he had been addressing a jury.

"And you let people talk about me, John, and listen to what they say!"

"I might have known that a girl who would not respect my dignity could not value my esteem. Tyrant or not, Rufelle, at least I have no desire to rivet galling fetters. Henceforth you are free to smile upon Mr. Lynde or any other gentleman."

Had he omitted the last sentence, affectionate, kindly little Rue could even then have "made up" with John, but this was too much for her temper. Snatching the golden circlet from her engagement finger, she flung it at her lover, with cheeks aflame.

"Take back your ring," cried she; 'the girl who wears it should be a saint or a simpleton, and I'm neither. Good-bye, John."

Auburn head erect, chin in air, she swept out of the room with all the stateliness possible to a slight girl of five feet two. She felt hers to be a righteous indignation. John had no reason—no earthly reason—to treat her so. She would not personate patient Griselda for the amusement of the village.

"John wants to bend the whole world to his will," mused she, angrily peeping through her chamber blind as he stalked away chewing his black mustache; "he wants to bend the whole world to his will, and I won't be bent. Our engagement is broken, and I'm glad of it."

For full fifteen minutes she was unequivocally glad.

John Coleman thought that he too was glad. Walking fiercely on, he squared his broad shoulders, and told himself that the engagement had been a mistake—an error of judgment. A grave, self made man of thirty should have been wiser than to trust his happiness to the keeping of a gay, capricious maiden. Why had he been so dotingly fond of the child, so hoodwinked by her coquetries? Blind, drivelling idiot that he was, the sooner he was buried again in the law the better. The man's soul was hot within him.

Shocked at his partner's ill looks, Mr. Riggs in greeting him asked if he had had a chill.

"Yes, something of that nature," was the grim reply. "How about the suit of Ingalls versus Wade? I find a flaw in the indictment."

Mr. Coleman was in the mood for finding flaws. His habitual self-control had deserted him. Once he nearly annihilated Mr. Riggs for casually mentioning Mr. Lynde and his reported engagement.

"Oho! I recollect now; Coleman had a lien on the young woman himself. Queer I should have forgotten," mused the discomfited advocate, dipping his pen in the ink.

That night Mr. Coleman had a chill—no metaphorical heart ague, but a genuine physical, bone-shaking rigor that demanded blankets and hot brick and a heroic dose of quinine.

"He's caught malaria from some of those Western bog-holes," said the doctor aside to the landlord. "Unless we break it up he's in for a fever. See that he has a good nurse. I'll be round in the morning."

The landlord himself sat up with the patient, and a busy night he had till daybreak, when Mr. Coleman sank into a drowse. The weary watcher improved this opportunity to steal away for a nap, and sent his son to take his place by the bedside. After an hour's sleep the sick man awoke refreshed, the ringing in his ears greater, but the throbbing of his temples less, the pain in his limbs no longer absolutely unbearable.

"Heigho! that you, Harry?" he said catching sight of the boy munching an apple for entertainment. "Where were you when I came home last night? I didn't see you."

"At St. Mark's, sir, blowing the organ. Mr. Lynde has hired me for the quarter."

"Oh he has, has he?" Mr. Coleman turned over in bed, and scowled at the smoky lamp chimney. Soon he flopped back again. "Do you like this Lynde fellow, Harry?"

"Tip-top; everybody does."

Mr. Coleman groaned.

"Is the pain coming on again, sir? Can I do anything for you?"

"Nothing, thank you, my boy; I'm pretty essentially done for. I'd like to hear you talk, though. Tell me what's happened while I've been away. What's this Lynde been up to?"

"Oh, he's been flying round, you'd better believe."

"Been doing a stiff business, I suppose, driving out with the ladies?"

"He's been driving out with Miss Haywood some. I haven't seen him with anybody else."

The invalid suppressed another groan.

"They've been looking at dishes and curtains and things."

Mr Coleman rose savagely upon his elbow. This was ten thousand times worse than he had dreamed. "The story I've heard, then, is true, Harry; Mr. Lynde is going to be married."

"Why, how did you know, Mr. Coleman? He said it was a secret. He let me go all over his house yesterday—he's hired Lunt's cottage, corner of Vine street—and things shine, I tell you. You ought to see those carpets. Miss Haywood helped him pick 'em out. The other woman don't suspect a thing."

"What other woman?"

"Why, the woman Mr. Lynde is going to marry. She lives down in Maine. She thinks after the wedding on Christmas she's coming with Mr. Lynde to his boarding-house; but instead of that, sir, he's going to fetch her right home to this bully cottage. I'll bet she'll be surprised."

Mr. Coleman dropped back upon the pillow with an expression a Raphael might have despaired of reproducing. He lay there a few minutes reflecting, then sat bolt upright, his towel-begirted head in bold relief against the mahogany headboard.

"Blow out the lamp, Harry, please, draw up the curtains, and hand me my writing desk there on the table. I'll give you a dollar if you'll carry a message to Miss Haywood for me this morning."

"Bless my soul, Coleman, you're as tough as a pine knot!" exclaimed the doctor, bolting in as his patient sealed the note. "You had ague enough last night to shake a sensitive mortal into the grave, and here you're up and attending to business. Let's feel your pulse. Rapid yet, but softer. If you're prudent you'll be out in a few days."

Harry rushed off on his errand, and delivered Mr. Coleman's billet into the hands of Miss Rue herself, who in his private opinion looked very sober and red-eyed.

"DEAR RUE (thus ran the missive)—"I've been having a chill, one of the bona fide castanet order. I hope you'll do me the favor to believe it was coming on at your house. If I raved furiously and behaved worse than a savage, as I know I did, do forgive me, dear. I'm coming to beg pardon on my knees as soon as they are firm enough. Inclosed please find your ring. Ever thine. "JOHN.

"P. S.—Don't on any account withdraw from the operetta."

"Poor dear soul, how ill he must have been!" mused loving little Rue, slipping the cherished ring back upon her finger. "But I hope he isn't going to be subject to these chills," she added, with a doleful look. "I do hope he isn't, for the sake of both of us."

Explosive Seeds and Trees.

A Story Told by a Traveler in the West Indies that May be True and May Not.

'Speaking about dynamiters,' said a naturalist, 'I have brought a few specimens to illustrate that feature in low life—as there are dynamiters in the lower animal kingdom as well as in the higher, and curious enough, we might say the same of the vegetable kingdom. I remember a few years ago I was traveling on a small vessel between some of the West India Islands, and at one place had purchased a number of curious seeds, placing them under my berth for safe-keeping. I was sitting at a small table, hanging on with both hands, in company with a negro passenger, when there came an explosion that sounded as if a barrel of powder had gone off. Something whizzed by my face so close that I felt the wind, and another projectile struck me full in the breast. The negro was not so fortunate. He uttered a loud yell as the sound came, threw up his hands, and with the blood spurting from his face, went over backward with a crash that brought the skipper and crew down the hatch in a hurry. We picked him up, and first he swore I had shot him, and then that I had hit him with a club, but in a moment he recovered from his fright and be began to investigate.

'The man had been struck fairly on the nose—a blow so powerful that it was several hours before the hemorrhage could be stopped. When I rose from my seat something dropped upon the cabin floor and I afterward picked it up, and what do you suppose it was? Nothing but a section of one of the seeds, and they were the explosives. The heat of the cabin had in some way affected them so that they went off like cartridges, and as each was made up of several pieces, it had somewhat the effect of grape-shot. One struck the negro as related, another missed my head and shattered a looking-glass behind me, another struck me in the chest, while still another, curiously enough, took off the handle of a pitcher, or monkey cooler, that stood on the table. Four of the seeds didn't go off and you may be sure I put them in a strong box. A number of seeds,' continued the speaker, 'have a similar habit of exploding and it is generally a provision connected with the dispersal of seeds. In the West I have seen trees explode with a report that could be heard nearly a mile; in this case the frost was the cause. There certain insects bore great holes in the bark of trees, rain finds its way in and freezes and away goes the tree as if you had placed a torpedo in it, showing what the expansive power of water will do.'

A Tramp Defends Ladies.

Information is given of a sensational occurrence near Wadesboro, N. C., on Tuesday evening. An Irish tramp called at a house occupied by two ladies and asked for lodging. They at first refused his request, but finally agreed to lock him in a closet, where he was to remain all night. About 12 o'clock the ladies were waked by a negro who had come into the room. He threatened to kill them if they made an outcry and demanded money, which one of the ladies said she would get. She then went to the closet and unlocked the door, when the tramp, who had heard the whole conversation, sprang out, pistol in hand. The negro started to run, but the tramp fired, killing him instantly. Shortly after it was discovered that the supposed negro was a white man, who had blackened himself and invaded the house. He was recognized as a near neighbor of the ladies.

He Could Afford it.

"I did not see you yesterday, Mister Gilhooly," said Mose Schaumburg.

"I was out of town yesterday. I went fishing with Col. Crandall Manson and some others on Onion Creek."

"Oh, you vent mit dot rich panker."

"Yes, and he is one of the most straight-forward, honest gentlemen I ever met."

"Mine Gott, vy should he not pe honest. He has got more den halluff a million tollars dot pank in, pesides real estate. For halluff dot money I vill pe a saint myself, right avay."—*Texas Siftings.*

Was Not Interested.

He rang the door-bell of a house on Cass avenue, and when the owner himself opened the door handed him a sealed envelope.

'Receipt for the cholera,' he said, in a brisk, jerky voice, 'only twenty-five cents.'

'But my dear sir, I don't want it,' said the citizen, drawing back. "I haven't any use for it. Cholera is something we never indulge in.'

'Take it, and I'll throw in the celebrated treatise by the great Dr. O——, 'How the Cholera Travels,' in book form.'

'My friend,' said the Cass avenue man, gently but firmly, 'I don't care a continental how the cholera travels—whether it is in book form, on a steam yacht or in a palace car. What I particularly desire just now is to see you travel, ta-ta!'

The agent took the hint and his departure at the same moment.—*Free Press.*

A Noted Hen.

A Cape Vincent man has constructed a sheet iron hen that promised to lay him a golden egg. It is finished up to life, full size, cackles, clucks and looks with one eye at a time so naturally that it deceives the oldest henhawk in the country. It is so fixed that when a hawk, mink or polecat pounces on to it the back springs open and the wings fly up and force the assailant on to a ravenous buzz saw that makes seven hundred revolutions in a minute. After moving half a minute the saw stops, the hen closes up, folds its wings and begins to cackle as though it had just laid an egg. One winding up will answer for three massacres, provided the delicate machinery does not get clogged up with too much blood, bones and feathers. He set a newly painted one out in the sun to dry last week, which attracted the attention of a fine old cat belonging to Dr. Wood, who had been poking a great deal of fun at the foolish thing. The hen is there but the cat is hence.

Bill Nye on Venice.

Venice is one of the best watered towns in Europe. You can hardly walk a block without getting your feet wet, unless you ride in a gondola. The gondola is a long slim hack without wheels and is worked around through the damp streets by a brunette man, whose breath should be a sad warning to us all. He is called the gondolier. Sometimes he sings in a low tone of voice and in a foreign tongue. I do not know where I have met so many foreigners as I have here in Europe, unless it was in New York at the polls. Wherever I go I hear a foreign tongue. I do not know whether these people talk in the Italian language just to show off or not. Perhaps they prefer it.

His Pa Had a Clean Tongue.

'Who preached to the disciples on the day of Penticost?' asked a Newman Sunday school teacher of her class.

'Peter,' shouted the class in a chorus.

'And what happened unto them?'

'Cloven tongues,' said the class.

'What is a cloven tongue?'

The class remained silent, and the teacher was about to explain, when the smallest boy exclaimed:

'My pa's got one.'

'You are mistaken,' said the teacher. 'This was a miracle, and miracles do not occur now.'

'Yes, he has a cloven tongue,' said the boy, 'for I saw him put a clove on his tongue this morning as soon as he took a drink out of a jug.'

It Breaks Him all up.

"Yes, I have got a mighty good man, Mrs. Callaper, but he's an awful tender-hearted body."

"Is he? Well, I wouldn't have thought it."

"Yes; bad news of any kind uses him up."

"La, me! you don't say?"

"He never could stand up under trouble of no kind like me."

"That's very strange."

"Why, bless you, ma'am, it just about breaks his heart to tell him the sugar box is empty, and it fairly gives him a spasm whenever the flour gives out."

THE surprising statement is made by an exchange that the demand for gunpowder is greater in times of peace than in war. It is said that more was used in the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel than during the course of the late civil war. The United States consumes on the average 100 tons a day, which is estimated to be more than would be burned in a battle in which 50,000 men would fire 40 rounds each.

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THE number of Judges in this state is already very large. Yet the lawyers, who are disproportionately represented in our legislature and who seem to have the most say, cry for more. They succeeded, recently in the passage of a bill which gives Chester county an additional law judge. Governor Pattison however vetoed the bill and that disposes of the matter at least for the present. Several other counties in the state are hankering for more judges, but under the circumstances they will likely be a little more patient.

Under the new law which Mrs. Hunt so eloquently plead for in the court house last fall, recognized as the "hygenic act," the school district which refuses to comply with its requirements will lose its share in the appropriations. That the study of the injurious effect of spirituous liquors, when used as a beverage, by children and youths in our public schools will produce a wholesome influence of restraining nature is generally conceded. That is why public sentiment so readily endorsed the proposition. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.—Sunbury *Democrat.*

GENERAL GRANT'S sixty-third birthday was commemorated on Monday when flags were flying and bunting was displayed in the street in which the general resides. A very large number of congratulatory messages were sent to the old soldier from all parts of the Union, to which he responded in the following letter for publication :

"To the various Army Posts, Societies, Cities, Public Schools, States, Corporations and Individuals, North and South, who have been so kind as to send me congratulations on my sixty-third birthday: I wish to offer my grateful acknowledgements. The dispatches have been so numerous and so touching in tone, that it would have been impossible to answer them if I had been in perfect health.

"U. S. GRANT."

According to the latest press notes the distinguished patient is still improving and on a fair way to recovery.

THE following article from the Philadelphia *Times* contains lots of well-directed sarcasm and clearly illustrates some of the pastime for which our legislators draw pay :

Out on the Promenade.

As usual on Friday a large number of members of the Legislature yesterday left the Capitol before adjournment in order to catch the train for Philadelphia. A call of the roll showed the want of a quorum in the House, and the Speaker had the doors closed and ordered the Sergeant-At-Arms to hunt up the absent members. When the officer reached the station he was too late. The train had just started.

It would have been cruel in the extreme to have interfered with the overworked members on the way home to rest. They had been laboring hard three days and a part of the fourth since their last recuperation, and they were undoubtedly entitled to relaxation. They have no precedent for doing work on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, and they have found by experience that they get forty dollars for those four days, while they get only thirty dollars for the three days on which they do assume to work. With this fact before them they are not much to be scolded.

The average member of the Legislature needs all the rest he can get, and many have learned that one of the very best places to get the much-needed relief from the great cares which weigh them down is on the Chestnut street parade of an afternoon. Besides getting rest the statesmen serve to ornament the street, and the State should feel proud of the privilege of paying them for such important service. It is for this that the most beautiful men in every part of the State are sent to the Legislature.

If Speaker Graham is going to order a call of the House and deprive Chestnut street of its loveliest attractions he will get this town very much opposed to him. It was an absurd and doubtless hasty act, which he already regrets and will not have the hardihood to repeat.

THE British lion and the Russian bear are fiercely grumbling at each other and both seem ready for a fight. Military preparations are going on on both sides and they are only waiting for the command to begin the conflict.

A DRUGGIST'S VERDICT.—Mr. E. George, one of the principal druggists of Philipsburg, Pa., writes :

"Mr. J. A. McDonald, Reedsville Pa.

Dear Sir:—One of the most prominent citizens of our city and a gentleman well known and highly respected in the surrounding country, called at our store and voluntarily offered to go before a justice of the peace and testify in an affidavit to the virtue of your Blood Purifier, saying that he had used but three bottles, and was now entirely cured of a distressing and long continued attack of erysipelas, after having tried a number of other remedies without receiving any noticeable benefit. Please send us one dozen by express. We never had a medicine in our store that sells as readily or gave such universal satisfaction as your Blood Purifier."

For scrofula, erysipelas, tetter, salt rheum, skin diseases, humors, sores, eruptions, pimples, blotches, swellings, tumors, boils, ulcers, scald head, ringworm, syphills, and all blood disorders, no remedy ever devised equals in power and efficacy McDonalds Great Blood Purifier or Sarsaparillan Alterative. Warranted. Seventy-five cents per bottle at all dealers in medicine.

JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO.,
Philadelphia Agents.

Sold by J. Eisenhuth, Millheim, Pa.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27, 1885.

A step in the direction of squelching polygamy in this country has been taken by the Supreme Court of the United States In the Clawson case, wherein the court desides that the exclusion of polygamists from the jury-box is not only lawful but is absolutely demanded, to make the administration of justice in Utah anything but a legal farce. To admit to the panel for the trial of a prisoner charged with polygamy, a set of men who believe that the crime committed is justified by Divine decree, and that it is no offence at all, is the highest absurdity and a travesty upon the system of trial by jury. This man Clawson was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of four years, and the case came up before the U. S. Supreme Court on appeal based upon the assigned error of excluding polygamic jurors. The decision paves the way for more convictions of the same sort, but the Mormons declare that the enforcement of the law against polygamy shall be resisted even to a resort to arms, because all such prosecutors are nothing more nor less than an infringement upon that religious liberty which the Constitution guarantees to all the citizens of the United States, Utah included.

The last Congress, under a pressure of public sentiment that it could not longer bear up against, passed an act prohibiting the fencing in of the public domain, and requiring the removal of all fences now existing that inclose the lands belonging to the Government. Of course the law will not enforce itself, and therefore the same pressure that bore upon Congress has now been transferred to the President, who has issued his proclamation announcing that the law must be enforced, and that all persons, companies or corporations who are mantaining fences upon the lands of the United States, must remove them at once, in default of which the President will take such measures as shall be necessary under the law to remove or destroy them. By the fifth section of the law a sweeping authority is conferred upon the President, to employ both civil and military force sufficient to wipe out the last vestige of these unlawful inclosures. The people of the country will hail with eminent satisfaction the tidings that the executive has made up his mind to enforce the statute.

PHONO.

—Now that sudden and violent changes of weather occur every twenty-four hours, almost everyone has a troublesome cold, which, if neglected, may produce results that may trouble you for the remainder of your life. Dr. Kessler's Celebrated English Cough Medicine is especially deserving praise in this class of complaints. It never fails! It never disappoints! Instructions for treatment of croup and whooping-cough also accompany each bottle. Every family, especially where there is children, should have a bottle. Dissatisfied buyers can have their money refunded

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Newspapers of To-day.

People generally, and even those who may be termed steady readers and close observers, have but a faint conception of the magnitude and influence the press of this country has attained. From a careful examination of the advance pages of the 1885 edition of the AMERICAN NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY, issued May 1st, by Geo. P. Rowell & Co., of New York, it appears that there are 14,147 newspapers and periodicals published in the United States and Canada; of these the United States has 12,972, an average of one paper for every 3,867 persons. In 1884 the total number of newspapers was less by 823 than at present, and while the gain this year is not so marked as in some previous years, it is still considerable. Kansas shows the greatest increase, the number being 78, while Illinois follows with a gain of 77. It is curious to notice that New York, the scene of so much political activity during the last campaign, should have only about one-third as many new papers as the State of Pennsylvania. As an index to the comparative growth and prosperity of different sections of the country, especially the Territories, the number of new papers forms an interesting study, and may well occupy the attention of the curious.

Attention, Doctors.

Everybody knows that the life of the average physician is a hard one. He is often compelled to ride great distances through mud and rain for a merely nominal fee. It is not fit nor proper for us to condemn any physician for his work, but we do assert that his practice can be made easier, and he can effect more cures by the proper and judicious use of PERUNA. If he will only add this great remedy to his list of medicines, he will find that his usefulness will be greatly increased. Full direction for its use will be found in the "Ills of Life," and he should at once procure this valuable book.

N. J. Wright, Business Agent Evening Herald, Erie, Pa., says: "DR. HARTMAN—I can not but feel it my duty to express to you my thanks for the great benefit I received from the use of your medicines, PERUNA and MANALIN. One bottle of each placed me square on my feet, after a sickness of four weeks, which confined me to my bed, and then left me lame and crippled. Three days from the commencement of the use of your remedies the cane was dispensed with, and in a week I was perfectly well."

Mrs. Ellen Maynard, Oswego, Potter county, Pa., writes: "DR. HARTMAN, Columbus, O. The small ulcers are all healed, and the two large ones are not more than half as large as they were. I am feeling quite well. The people say your PERUNA and MANALIN are doing a miracle. I do not take nearly so much opium as I did before."

Joseph Thomas, East Brady, Pa., writes: "I have used your PERUNA and MANALIN with good results. In the year of 1880 I was so bad that I could scarcely walk. I used PERUNA and MANALIN, and am now as healthy as I have ever been. I have also recommended it to several parties, and they have been much benefited by it."

Mr. C. H. Harris, New Vienna, Ohio, writes: "Our little girl was paralyzed at thirteen months old, and we resorted to everything we could hear of for relief, but she appeared to get but little better. Hearing of PERUNA we concluded to try it, and will say it has done her a great deal of good—the first bottle apparently giving aid and relief. We have used it for nervousness in other cases on other persons and found it a success. For general debility, and in fact for any disease, we don't think anything else can at all compare with it. We have used forty or fifty bottles, and our house is never without PERUNA. Our little girl is now eight years old, and can run any place, was for four years helpless. PERUNA cured her."

'YOU KNOW HOW IT IS YOURSELF.'—There is not a particle of doubt but you have to this day a vivid recollection of the horrible, nauseating doses of worm-seed tea or syrup forced down your throat twenty years ago by an over-solicitous aunt or grandmother who pronounced your case *worms.* You will be able to appreciate a vermifuge like McDonald's Celebrated Worm Powders. The most effective and reliable worm destroyer of the age. So easy and pleasant to take the patient will never know a medicine is being administered. Money refunded to dissatisfied buyers.

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Sold by J. Eisenhuth, Millheim, Pa.

A TYPHOID EPIDEMIC.

A Deadly Disease Induced by Bad Sanitary Conditions.

Thirty-Four Deaths in Three Days—No Business Transacted Except With the Druggist and Undertaker.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 26.—A disease resembling typhoid fever has appeared in Plymouth, a mining town of 8,000 inhabitants, a few miles from here. Forty deaths have occurred and over 600 persons are sick. The disease frequently ends in peritonitis. The doctors, thirteen in number, are kept working day and night. They have 70 to 100 cases each, and finding that they cannot give all proper attention have appealed to the County Medical Society for aid. The distress and consternation among the people is great. Nearly all belong to the mining classes and are poor. In many cases whole families are down with the disease. The epidemic, in the opinion of the physicians is caused by the bad sanitary condition of the place. There is not a sewer, or paved street, or properly constructed gutter in the town. In the side streets, alleys and vacant lots garbage, offall and refuse of all kinds have accumulated and the recent hot weather has turned those accumulations to breeders of disease. A portion of the town derives its water supply from wells, the water of which has become polluted by drainage from the soil. Thirteen persons died on Friday and fifteen on Saturday. The disease mainly affects the children and infants, though many adults are also attacked. Six deaths have taken place since yesterday and nine funerals were held today. The whole town appears to be in mourning. Business is practically at a standstill, except the drug stores and undertaking establishments. At a meeting of the borough council last night it was decided to clean the streets, alleys and back yards at once. The water company of the village having made a careful investigation have notified the council that they were supplying pure and wholesome water, and that one chief cause of the epidemic was that a large portion of the village was supplied with water from wells which had become polluted. A heavy shower fell in Plymouth and its vicinity early this morning, and did much towards cleaning the filthy streets, thus creating a more hopeful feeling. If the rain is followed by colder weather the noxious and fever breeding odors may be eradicated.

—THAT feeling of mental dullness, that troublesome billious headache, fastidiousness as to food, and weary aching pain in the small of the back, can all be gotten rid of by using one box of McDonald's Improved Liver Pills. Money refunded to dissatisfied buyers.

JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO.,
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Sold by J. Eisenhuth, Millheim, Pa.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of Frederick Weaver, late of Haines township, deceased, having been granted to the subscribers, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly proven for settlement.

WM. WEAVER, }
A. D. WEAVER, } Executors.

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Journal Store Column.

LOCATION

is a very important factor in life—and not in this life only, for it is even more seriously important where one locates his place of residence in the great hereafter. To have a

" title clear

To mans'ns in the skies,"

is a matter so absolutely essential to one's eternal happiness that all should feel concerned that their "deeds" are in proper form. However I will not moralize on this particular line, but state as nearly as possible just where the Journal Store is, which important fact there is good reason to fear the great majority of mankind does not yet know, nothwithstanding all my blowing and fussing to "keep it before the people." Therefore

"Know all men (and the dear ladies too) by these presents" that the Journal Store is situated, fixed and come to stay at north latitude nearly 41°, longitude about ½° west from Washington. Many write "west from Greenwich," but as a true and loyal American citizen I prefer to say "Washington." Besides I don't much believe in "witches," whether "green" or shriveled.

I might indicate my location in various other ways. As for example might say that my store is squarely oppsite the palatial residence of that "bloated bondholder," Alfred Walter, Esquire; or diagonally across the street from that expert machinist, Mr. R. B. Hartman; or at about the same angle south from brother Yoney Harter's. Again I might state that little Cooney Auman, my occasional salesman, is my next door neighbor north, and that my old friend Samuel Weiser joins me on the south, with only a 16 feet alley between to keep us apart. And again I am proud to know that the Journal Store is situate exactly midway between and only about half a square distant from each of two of the finest churches in central Pennsylvania.

All this would however be a very circuitous if not clumsy way of stating my locality. For example it would require too much writing—cost too much paper for my correspondence with customers in the "West, north-west and south-west, as the big railroad companies put it. And so for good reasons I have chosen a very simple and practical way to inform the public where to find my little big store. Friends, come down Penn Street from the centre of town, or from the direction of Coburn if you prefer, keep the west side until you see "No. 20" in plain, conspicuous figures above the door. That is the Journal Store. Come in, buy a bill of goods, cheap and good, as perhaps nowhere else, and see how grateful and happy I will be

Yours truly

B. O. DEININGER.

N. B. stands for "nota bene," and means: Take notice that the Journal Store has just received a fine lot of stamped goods which the ladies who have seen them say they are "just absolutely too lovely for anything."

To our Patrons of 1885.

With kind greetings for past favors, we respectfully solicit your patronage for the coming season.

We are now prepared to furnish the farmers of Centre county with everything in the line of FARMING IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY, such as MOWERS, REAPERS, BINDERS, RAKES, HARROWS, CULTIVATORS, LAND ROLLERS, COMMON AND CHILLED PLOWS, GRAIN DRILLS, CORN DRILLS AND PLANTERS, CORN WORKERS, HAY FORKS, CIDER MILLS, CORN SHELLERS, ENGINES AND THRESHERS, SMALL SEPARATORS AND HORSE POWERS, and, in fact, any and everything a farmer may need, and at prices to suit the times. We are also prepared to supply extra parts of all the machinery we sell, and for many machines we do not handle; keep constantly on hand SECTIONS, KNIVES AND RIVETS for nearly all the Mowers and Harvesting Machinery in use.

We also make a specialty of HEAVY ENGINES AND BOILERS, SAW MILLS &c., make estimates on all kinds of Factories and Mills, and guarantee to give as low or lower prices for the same class of work than any other concern in the State.

Our FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP is in first-class order, and we are prepared to make and finish all classes of Machinery with promptness and dispatch, do any and all kinds of work done in any machine shop. We guarantee in writing that all Machinery purchased from us is in every respect *first-class* and none superior. Also, work put out from our shop second to none, and our prices for everything as low as the lowest.

Call on us before purchasing your IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY, and we will make it to your profit. We make an offer this Spring to a limited number of farmers of Penns Valley who are using Corn Planters, built here at this place either by Harpster, the Centre Hall Manufacturing Company or ourselves, to exchange with them our new Improved Fertilizer, Planter and Drill for their old ones, allowing them a large price for their old planters. So come on with your old machines, no matter how near worn out. The first come, the first served, and remember only a limited number will be exchanged.

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Fine Trout Fishing and Hunting within sight of town. Healthy locality and fine mountain sceneries. The celebrated PENNS VALLEY CAVES but five miles distant. The finest drives in the state.

FINE SADDLE HORSES, CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES for the use of summer boarders.

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HAIR BALSAM

The best, cleanest and most economical hair dressing. Never fails to restore the youthful color to gray hair. This elegant dressing is preferred by those who have used it to any similar article, on account of its superior cleanliness and purity. It contains materials only that are beneficial to the scalp and hair.

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WANTED.—Energetic, reliable men to sell Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Shrubs, Roses, &c. SALARY AND EXPENSES, or LIBERAL COMMISSIONS PAID. Full instructions given, so inexperienced men can soon learn the business. Address J. F. LECLARE, Brighton, N. Y. 15-4t

LAND! Claims a specialty. Warrants, and ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATES and all kinds of LAND SCRIP bought and sold. SUSPENDING ENTRIES, LAND, PATENT and PENSION cases attended to. Correspondence solicited. A. A. Thomas, Attorney At Law, Room, 25 St., Cloud Bld'g, Washington.

A Certain Remedy for all KIDNEY and LIVER TROUBLES Cures Female Weaknesses, Imparts New Life and Vigor to the System.

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Suits, from $1 to $25.
Shoes, fine and everyday, a complete assortment.
Prints, nice and good, from 4 cents up.
Cassimeres, from 25 cents to $5.00.
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Brussels Carpet, best and cheapest in the state.
Summer Shawls, the neatest and cheapest ever seen.
Bleached Muslins, from 6 cents up.
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White Dress Goods, all styles and prices.
Stair and Rag Carpets, a full line.
Dress Silks and Cashmeres, a specialty.

FULL DRUG DEPARTMENT!

Space will not permit to mention all the articles but we can sell you goods cheaper than you can buy anywhere else and anything from a pin to a suit of clothing or a hogshead of molasses.

All we ask of you is to come and see our new stock.

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Very truly Yours,

D. S. Kauffman & Co.

Millheim Market.

Corrected every Wednesday by G. A. Harter, grocer.

Wheat, old	85 to 90
Corn	50
Rye	50
Oats White	35
Buckwheat	50
Flour	4.00
Salt, per Brl	1.50
Plaster, ground	9.00
Cement, per Bushel	45 to 50
Barley	45
Tymothyseed	1.25
Flaxseed	1.25
Cloverseed	6.00
Butter	18
Hams	14
Sides	9
Veal	
Pork	5
Beef	
Eggs	12
Potatoes	35
Lard	8

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We are prepared to supply this article at the lowest possible rate, and guarantee 12 to 14 per cent. Available Phosphoric Acid.

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PHOSPHATE
ADOPTED 1880

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BAUGH'S $25 PHOSPHATE
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Contains the Life and Essence of Animal Bones. It is made from Bones of Cattle, slaughtered at the Abattoir and slaughter houses of Philadelphia. We are now selling Baugh's Strictly Pure Raw Bone Meal, also Baugh's Ready Dissolved Pure Animal Bones at very low prices. It would surprise farmers to know how very low they can procure these brands. We supply fertilizers for all crops. Send your name and address, and we will mail you our Phosphate Guide.
BAUGH & SONS, 20 S. Del. Ave. Phila. Pa.

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Vegetable Sicilian

The great popularity of this preparation, after its test of many years, should be an assurance, even to the most skeptical, that it is really meritorious. Those who have used HALL'S HAIR RENEWER know that it does all that is claimed.

It causes new growth of hair on bald heads—provided the hair follicles are not dead, which is seldom the case; restores natural color to gray or faded hair; preserves the scalp healthful and clear of dandruff; prevents the hair falling off or changing color; keeps it soft, pliant, lustrous, and causes it to grow long and thick.

HALL'S HAIR RENEWER produces its effects by the healthful influence of its vegetable ingredients, which invigorate and rejuvenate. It is not a dye, and is a delightful article for toilet use. Containing no alcohol, it does not evaporate quickly and dry up the natural oil, leaving the hair harsh and brittle, as do other preparations.

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FOR THE
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Colors them brown or black, as desired, and is the best dye, because it is harmless; produces a permanent natural color; and, being a single preparation, is more convenient of application than any other.

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The Harpooner's Story.

New Bedford, June 1, 1883.

DR. J. C. AYER & Co.—Twenty years ago I was a harpooner in the North Pacific, when I, like others of the crew and myself were laid up with scurvy. Our bodies were bloated, gums soft and bleeding, teeth loose, purple blotches all over us, and our breath seemed rotten. Take it by and large we were pretty badly off. All our lime-juice was accidentally destroyed, but the captain had a couple dozen bottles of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA and gave us that. We recovered on it quicker than I have ever seen men brought about by any other treatment for Scurvy, and I've seen a good deal of it. Seeing no mention in your Almanac of your Sarsaparilla being good for scurvy, I thought you ought to know of this, and so send you the facts.

Respectfully yours, RALPH Y. WINGATE.

The Trooper's Experience.

Masseu, Basutoland (S. Africa,) March 7, 1883.

DR. J. C. AYER & Co.—Gentlemen: I have much pleasure to testify to the great value of your Sarsaparilla. We have been stationed here for over two years, during which time we had to live in tents. Being under canvas for such a time brought on what is called in this country "veldt-sores." I had those sores for some time. I was advised to take your Sarsaparilla, two bottles of which made my sores disappear rapidly, and I am now quite well.

Yours truly, T. K. BODEN,
Trooper, Cape Mounted Riflemen.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

Is the only thoroughly effective blood-purifier, the only medicine that eradicates the poisons of Scrofula, Mercury, and Contagious Diseases from the system.

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The Millheim Journal.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1885.

Published by R. A. BUMILLER.

LOCAL NEWS.

—Stormy and cool.

SUBSCRIBE for the JOURNAL.

—Fair Luna is in her glory just now.

—The yards in town look green and clean.

—Don't be in such a hurry to doff your underwear.

—The wheat in this section of Penns valley looks very promising.

—Extra Seed Barley for Sale by
J. H. MUSSER, Aaronsburg, Pa.

—Rheumatism is quickly cured by using Arnica & Oil Liniment.

—Don't skip B. O. Deininger's column advertisement on second page.

—The Womelsdorf *News* has suspended its publication for lack of patronage.

—A number of our citizens are *courting* at Bellefonte this week.

—All styles and prices of Summer Silks at Kauffman's Bargain Store. Main Street.

—Miss Sadie Jamison, of Spring Mills, is the guest of our townsman, G. W. Harter.

—Our neighber, A. F. Harter, treated us to a fine and large sucker last week. Thanks.

—Both our landlords were up to Bellefonte on Monday and Tuesday to look after their licenses.

—Adam Bartges, of Penn township, is taking a trip out West, with a view of buying land there.

—Mrs. Kauffman and daughter, of Fisher's Ferry, Snyder Co., are here on a visit to their relatives.

—Fresh Onions, Tomatoes and Radishes just received at G. A. Harter's grocery on Main street.

—Consideration of license applications was the most important business before the court on Monday,

—The last arrival of scrap pictures at the Journal Store goes ahead of anything ever brought to town before.

—Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave me Down's Elixir for coughs and colds when I was a boy."

—The Philipsburg *Journal* has changed color. It has abandoned the "pink" and is now printed on white paper again.

—By the use of Buckingham's Dye, the whiskers may be easily made a permanent, natural brown, or black, as desired.

FOR SALE.—A first-rate farm bell, ready mounted, cost $6.00, can be bought for $1.50 cash. Inquire at this office.

—The rain on Saturday night extinguished the mountain fires raging in this neighborhood and gave vegetation a splendid start.

—Full line of Ready-made Clothing just received at Kauffman & Co's Bargain store, Millheim, Pa. Latest styles and lowest prices.

—The Bellefonte town council decided to light the streets of that borough with electric lights. About 75 jets will be necessary.

—*Mr.* Ed. Kister, who recently settled in *Mill*heim, is busily engaged in canvassing this section of country for a New York nursery.

—There is a great demand for carpenters, painters and laborers in our town at this time and any amount of work for all of them.

—P. H. Musser, the jeweler on Main street, had his shop neatly repapered and fixed up in general, and it now looks clean and pleasant.

—The band seranaded T. Benton Ulrich, of Selinsgrove, on Monday evening to which treat he responded in a few complimentary remarks.

—Mr. & Mrs. R. Mann and their son, of Mill Hall, were in town on Monday and Tuesday, attending the reception of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel M. Campbell.

—Mr. Harry Hoy, of Mount Carmel is here on a visit to his parents. His mother has been lying sick at her residence on Penn street for several weeks.

—After you have got through reading this paper, pass it to your neighbor and induce him to subscribe for it. You will confer a great favor on us by doing so.

—We want all our readers to read B. O. Deininger's column advertisement. He is fully up to the times in his Book and Stationery trade and knows just what he is talking about.

—Mr. John Kreamer will go out of the tree business after this week. He says the country is overstocked with tree agents. And with many other things for the matter of that.

—M. L. Blair, Alderman 5th Ward, Scranton, Pa., stated Nov. 9, '83: He had used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for sprains, burns, cuts, bruises and rheumatism. Cured every time.

—The Philipsburg *Journal* recommends next the new study of Temperance Hygiene the old time training in *politeness* and says the enforcement of this branch would do an immense deal of good to the rising generation.

Very true, there is much room for improvement and education in that particular study.

—All styles Straw and Wool Hats at Kauffman's store.

—Everybody admires the new street lamp in front of the JOURNAL building on Penn street. When will North street follow the example of Main and Penn streets?

—We are requested to announce that *Miss* Susan Stephen's subscription school will commence next *Monday*. She will occupy the grammar school room on Penn street.

—For house paints go to Wm. T. Mauck & Son, Penn street, who are agents for the Genuine Royal—strictly pure—Ready Mixed Paints, manufactured at Reading, Pa.

—The card of the *Millheim* Hotel appears in another column. Read it and take it for granted that landlord W. S. *Musser* will accommodate his guests in his usual first-class style.

—We just returned from the eastern cities and can now show you the neatest, finest, most complete and cheapest stock of spring goods ever brought to Millheim. D. S. KAUFFMAN & Co.

—A new porch, weatherboarding and a couple coats of paint will make W. J. Springer's property on Penn street quite attractive. All these improvements will be made this spring.

—Henry Maurie, of Aaronsburg while out in the woods chopping last Saturday forenoon, had the misfortune to cut a severe gash in his foot. He was at once taken home and his wound attended to.

—Last week we experienced very warm weather, the theremometer registering as high as 90 degrees. On Sunday morning the atmosphere had greatly changed and it was cool enough to stand a warm stove.

—Miss Mary Mauck, of this place, is absent on a visit to friends at Mifflinburg. She attended the wedding of her aunt, Miss Emma Haas, who was married to Mr. Killian, of Lewistown, last Thursday.

—J. P. Coburn, of Aaronsburg, Judge A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte, and William Allison, Jr., of Howard are the representatives in this county of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

—Quantity in medicine is no indication of value. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is concentrated and powerful; requires a smaller dose, and is more effective, dose for dose, than any other Sarsaparilla. It is the best of all blood medicines.

WANTED.—Several good canvasers to sell an article which every tax-payer *needs*, and which one fourth of them will buy if properly presented and explained. No humbug, but an article of practical value. Those who mean business may call in person on the undersigned—others need not apply.
tf B. O. DEININGER.

—John Breon, of North street, was hit by a falling tree at Weaver's saw mill in Brushvalley last Thursday forenoon. The tree was large and heavy enough to inflict fatal injuries but he was lucky to escape with a bruised shoulder.

—Mr. Peters, of this town, was somewhat hurt by a log rolling on him in the woods the other day. He was starting a lot of logs down a hill, when one of them got ahead of him. Glad to state his injuries are only slight.

—When you are troubled with dizziness, your appetite all gone, and you feel bad generally, take a few doses of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and you will be surprised at the improvement in your feelings. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction.

LOOK HERE.—I cure Piles. I have a positive remedy for piles. By its use many cases of the worst kind and of long standing have been cured. It cures as if by magic. Money refunded to dissatisfied patients. Address,
H. K. SUMMERS, Aaronsburg, Pa.

—On Saturday, May 16th, S. K. Faust will offer at public sale at his coach shops, Centre Mills, a fine lot of new and second hand buggies, spring wagons and carriages. Also a Mare, a yearling Colt, a Cow, a lot of lumber and shingles, and other articles. See bills.

FOR SALE.—S. K. Faust gives notice that he wishes to sell his valuable farming land, situate in Millheim borough north of Abs, Harter's farm, and which he lately bought of David Scholl. The land is in first-class condition and purchasers will find it a good investment.

—D. W. Zeigler expects to erect a new dwelling house at the place where the old log building now stands along the race on Penn street. This will be the beginning of improvements in that part of the street. The stakes for his new house are already driven and lumber hauled to the place.

—The last three flittings of the season occurred on last Thursday, when J. W. Stover moved into his renovated and cozy property on Main street. Mr Couldren, the tailor, moved into the house vacated by Mr. Stover next door to Snook's store, and Mr. Williams took the place of Mr. Couldren in Alexander's house on the hill.

—F. P. Musser and G. A. Harter, two of our anglers visited Elk creek last week one day and succeeded in jerking out about a dozen of the speckled beauties. There were several more of our fishermen engaged in the sport but we did not hear of or see any trout caught by them. Fish stories, *if not too long*, will be cheerfully published in this paper.

—If you want to see a neat and clean stock of General *Merchandise* go to Peuler's store at Spring Mills. It will pay you to see his goods before buying elsewhere. His spring stock is complete and his prices low.

—Mr. L. J. Noll and family, of this place, left for Union county on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. Noll's father who died on Wednesday the 22d inst., at his residence in Mifflinburg and was buried on Sunday.

—C. W. Albright and his brother Foster have rented the blacksmith shop in Elktown, one mile south of Millheim, on the road to Coburn, where they will be pleased to wait on their patrons and do all work in their line in a satisfactory manner.

—*Mr.* Ed. *M.* Rumsey, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., the agent for the Gleason & Bailey Fire Apparatus *Manufacturing* Co., while in town last Friday and Saturday made many friends by his courtesy and geniality, and we hope he may soon visit our town again.

—The schoolboard of the borough had a fine lot of Sugar Maple trees planted in the school yard on Penn street on Tuesday. They wish to give notice that a heavy penalty is fixed for injuring said trees in any way and fair warning is given to all eventual violators of this law.

CAUTION!—Farmers and all other persons owing land along the route of the Bellefonte, Aaronsburg & Youngmanstown Turnpike are hereby cautioned not to move their fences out so that they will trespass on the Company's Roadway. The Co. is entitled to 60 feet and want that amount.
By order of the Board,
E. STRICKLER,
Mar. 10, '85. x 71 Prest.

NOTICE.—Having been appointed agent by the Buck Thorn Fence Co., for the sale of the celebrated Buck Thorn Steel Barbed Fencing, I invite persons wanting this handsome, lasting and cheap article to call on me.
J. B. FISHER,
10-3m. Penn Hall, Pa.

—A meeting of our citizens for the purpose of organizing a hook and ladder company would be advisable. Preliminary preparations for the proper care of the truck upon its arrival should be made. We understand that the council is looking up a convenient place to build a shed for housing the carriage and equipments. Business.

—It is customary and a very common thing for merchants to advertise cheap goods and lots of them, even if it is otherwise. But we have, and anybody visiting our store on Main street will say the same, the most complete assortment of goods ever brought to Millheim, which we will positively sell cheap. D. S. KAUFFMAN & Co.,
Millheim, Pa.

—Mr. Manshardt and Mr. Thomas, were in company with A. D. Deininger, spending a few days in Millheim. These gentlemen are all students of the New Berlin seminary and returned to said place on Monday afternoon. Mr. Thomas is a brother-in-law to Mrs. Emma Thomas, of York, the daughter of Rev. C. F. Deininger.

—We are informed that James Montgomery, formerly of this town, but at present a prosperous hardware merchant in Warsaw, Wisconsin, expects to marry a lady from near Philadelphia soon. We always thought a good deal of Jim and he is certainly a gentleman who will make a good and kind husband.

—This week's callers at the JOURNAL office: Mrs. Mary Ann Bierly, of Rebersburg; H. G. Miller and Enoch Kreamer, of Aaronsburg; Daniel Runkle, of Spring Mills; Joseph Todd, of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Philadelphia; T. Benton Ulrich, editor of the Selinsgrove *Times*; S. B. Hench, of Northumberland; J. F, Torbert, of Coburn, Pa.

—Lock Haven was full to overflowing with people visiting the city to participate in or witness the grand celebration of the Odd Fellows on *Monday*. The city was elaborately trimmed and decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the occasion. Thirty lodges were represented in the large parade and many bands were in line. It was a festive day for Lock Haven.

CARD.—We thank our friends in general for their assistance and condolence during our late affliction and fully appreciate the courtesy and aid rendered by the kind people of Aaronsburg.
The efficient and faithful professional treatment and acts of kindness of the Doctors Musser will ever be remembered.
SALLIE B. TORBET.
J. FRANK TORBET.

—The carpenters are making rapid headway on the new store house of D. S. Kauffman & Co. on Main street. The building is under roof and will have an attractive front when finished. The proprietors will have a large and commodious room for their increasing stock of goods and a splendid location for business, almost in the centre of town. Besides that, these gentlemen seem to appreciate the value of printer's ink—an item not to be despised.

—Mrs. Maria Weaver left for Philadelphia and New York last Monday, where she is selecting a large and fine stock of millinery goods. She will return from the cities with an experienced trimmer whom she has engaged for the season. The announcement of her business opening will appear in the advertising columns of next week's JOURNAL. She will be pleased to have all her patrons come and examine her goods.

—Bad drainage causes much sickness. Bad blood and improper action of the liver and kidneys is bad drainage to the human system, which Burdock's Blood Bitters will remedy.

—S. B. Hench, agent for Foster & Crates, publishers of Philadelphia, will call upon our citizens for the purpose of securing members for a circulating library of good and standard literature. *Mr.* B. O. Deininger will act as librarian. This is a worthy enterprise and should meet the approval of our citizens.

—Will *Millheim* have any celebration on Decoration Day? If so it is time to commence making arrangements. Our town has had nothing worth mentioning in this line for several years and a proper observance of the Memorial Day next month would be in keeping with the customs of the land. We earnestly hope our suggestion may at least be considered by the citizens of Millheim.

—A large number of friends had assembled at the residence of E.C. Campbell on Main street last Monday evening, to give a pleasant reception to the newly married couple, Mr. & Mrs. S.M. Campbell, who had returned from their wedding trip in the evening train. The supper was followed later in the evening by a serenade from the Millheim band. It was said to have been a fine affair and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants.

—The first quarterly meeting for Centre charge of the present Conference year will be held at Woodward, beginning on Saturday, the 2nd of May at 2 o'clock. The quarterly conference will be presided over by the Rev. J. M. Ettinger, P. E. of the district. Ministers, Class leaders, assistants, stewarts, trustees and Sunday school superintendents are here by urged to attend. There will be preaching on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, communion services on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and children's and young people's meeting at 2½ o'clock, p. m. Also preaching at 7 o'clock p. m., when the Presiding Elder will conduct the services. All are cordially invited to attend.

—Rumor has it that the Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngsmantown Turnpike Company will in the near future reconstruct the old bridge in the eastern part of Main street. This is an exceedingly pleasing report and our citizens earnestly wish that the rumor will prove true. The bridge is certainly needy of repairs and if the directors of said pike company would give the structure a thorough overhauling they would merit the lasting thanks of our traveling community. Besides that a substantial and neat bridge in place of the old one would be a fine monument of the pushing and enterprising spirit for which our friend, J. C. Motz, Esq., the treasurer of the company is reputed.

MILLHEIM H. & L. Co. No 1.—At the last special meeting of the Millheim Town Council it was concluded to purchase Hook and Ladder Trucks and the same were ordered at once from the Gleason & Bailey Manufacturing Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y., through their representative, Ed. M. Rumsey who was in town on Saturday. The truck is to be manufactured and equipped as follows: 3 Setts of ladders, 2 in each set in a nest on rollers, the sizes of the ladders ranging from 20 to 12 feet; four hand hooks and poles, two pike poles, Chain hook, rope chain and pole, two fire axes, two pick head axes, twelve rubber buckets, four hand lanterns, one signal lantern, rope reel and drag rope. The whole apparatus is to be handsomely painted and lettered like the heading of this item. The brass work to be nickelplated and patent wheels in the carriage. The cost will be $350 and the whole outfit can be expect ed to reach here in about four weeks.

This action of our council terminates a question which has been pending in our town for several years and is the realization of a fond hope of many of our property holders and we for one feel like thanking the council for their final decision in this matter.

—Tuesday evening the residence of *Maj.* J. B. Fishers at Penn Hall was the scene of a very pleasant and happy event. *Mr.* T. Benton Ulrich, editor of the Selinsgrove *Times* was then united in holy matrimony with *Miss* Clara Fisher, the oldest daughter of the *Major*. Rev. Z. A. Yearick at the appointed hour, 8 o'clock, and in the presence of the family and a small but select company performed the nuptials and after the bride and groom had received the hearty congratulations of all present minehost Fisher invited his guests to a delicious supper which was in waiting in another part of the house. The presents to the bride of which we mention some below covered several tables in another room and were costly and many of them very tasty:

Large Family Bible—Groom; Silver Fruit Basket & Silver Butterdish—Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Else, Philadelphia; ½ dozen Silver Teaspoons—Wm. Fry, Philadelphia; Silver Sugar Shell—Anna M. Ulrich, Selinsgrove; 2 Setts of Silver Spoons—Kline Ulrich, Selinsgrove; Large Hanging Lamp—Sallie Ulrich, Selinsgrove; Silver Cake Stand—Emma, Susan and Wm. Hosterman; Glass Cake Dish—Emma C. Heckman; Glass Fruit Dish—Lizzie B. Heckman; Glass Fruit Dish—Irene K. Musser; Glass Pitcher—Charles Fisher; Glass Pitcher—Mary E. Heckman; Glass Cake Dish—Frank Fisher; Glass Pitcher—Kate E. Musser; Lamp—W. S. Musser, Aaronsburg; Linen Table Cloth, Napkins, etc.—Mr & Mrs. J. B. Fisher; Counterpane—Lizzie Keen; Majolica Bread Plate—Maggie E. Heckman; Towel—H. K. Gregory, Selinsgrove; Tidy Clara E. Fisher; Towels—J. P. Fisher, Selinsgrove; Towels—Mr. & Mrs. Marburger, Selinsgrove.

The couple started on their wedding t our yesterday morning by way of Bellefonte and will visit friends in Ohio and Indiana. Our best wishes accompany them.

Neighboring News.

AARONSBURG.

The town clock was put in running order by our skilled watchmaker, D. H. Rote. This was no small job and Mr. Rote deserves all praise together with a fair recompense for his labor, inasmuch as the Connecticut firm would have charged $150 for doing the same work.

Samuel Diehl, our jovial coachmaker, has on hand the finest lot of new buggies seen in Aaronsburg for years. Those wishing to buy will find it to their advantage to call on him.

Henry Philips has a new clerk in the person of Sine Yearick, of Jacksonville.

Our friend D. Kline Musser had the misfortune to lose some forty stocks of bees during the past winter.

If you wish to see the finest horse in town call at the stables of Jerry Kline. Admittance free.

Charley Stover, who at present occupies the palatial residence of Frank J. Weaver is building on the corner, opposite Michael Nye's.

Miss Van Valzah, daughter of Dr. Shep. Van Valzah, of Watsonton, Pa., spent a few days with Miss Mazie Forster.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Torbert's infant son William, was largely attended by the people of Aaronsburg.

Sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Shirk, which occurred on Sunday night. HAWKEYE.

SMITH TOWN.

Smith Town is the beautiful little village, situate 1¼ mile west of *Millheim* amidst the best farms in Penn township and I think some of our news should also find a little space in the columns of the JOURNAL.

Since the removal of those old trees and grape vines in front of *Mrs* Sarah Smith's residence, the house makes a much better appearance.

E. E. Bressler is farming for J. H. Frank this summer. Ed is a first class fellow and we wish him lots of success.

Last week was a hard time for man and beast. The farm work was vigorously attended to and our folks were glad for the rest on Saturday evening and most of them went to *Millheim* to spend a few pleasant hours.

High Constable Jacob Keen of *Millheim* was seen in our midst last week. Always welcome as long as he leaves our pigs alone.

Milt Kern is always ahead. He was the first to sow oats this spring in our section.

John Harsbarger had a very bad fall last week. He fell from a two-horse wagon and was so badly stunned that he was unable to rise for some time. He feels very sore yet.

The grain looks very good since the late refreshing rain. JUMBO.

MADISONBURG.

Philip Shafer, a son of our townsman Andrew Shafer is at home on a visit to friends.

A very valuable cow belonging to Jeremiah Hoy, Sr., was in the field in front of the house one day last week, when suddenly the ground under her gave away and in a few moments she had sank to the depth of about five feet. The field seems to be full of sink holes. John S. Hoy, Philip Frank and John Gramley succeeded in liberating the animal by digging out the ground around her slopingly, but she will likely die from her injuries.

George Shafer has very much improved the late Bierly property by new pale fences.

Rev. Miller, the Reformed minister administered the Lord's supper to the members of his congregation at this place on Sunday.

Four of our young Americans played "G. W." in Jacob Nestleroad's orchard last Sunday. Inquire of *Moses*, Buttery & Co. for particulars.

Folks at the lower end of town are very much pleased that the water has found its way through the pipes.

Messrs. Sam. B. Shafer and Henry Hazel deserve much credit for their work on the alley crossing between their lots.

Our water managers intend laying iron water pipes from the spring in the Gap to Smull's. Get ready to pay a high tax.

Rev. P. C. Weidemyer has gone to Maryland on business.

The grain fields throughout Brush Valley look spotted. In the low places the wheat was much damaged by the ice. STILL

Spring Mills.

One day last week Miss *May* Duncan had the misfortune to break her arm above the wrist. Dr. Van Valzah attended to the fracture and she is getting along very well. She has the sympathy of the community in her misfortune.

G. A. Runk is running his new plaster mill to its full capacity.

Rev. Isaac Heckman of the *M.* E. church was in our midst one day this week.

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DIED.

On the 24th inst., in Penn township, Toledo Emetta, twin daughter of Washington and Sabylla Tharpe, aged 1 year, 1 month and 8 days. Interment at Heckman's burial grounds.

On the 22nd inst., in Penn township, William Lawrence, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Torbert, aged 5 months and 2 days.

Little William had traveled but a short time with the hurrying throng on life's great high way—long enough however not to fail to attract attention. Many stopped to look at this little traveler and none paused as briefly as not to love him and call him beautiful. To look into his bright eyes and always pleasant face was to see a picture of typical childish innocence and purity. On it no trace of evil, selfishness or care was yet written. A form of almost perfect proportions seemed to forbid merciless disease to mar or destroy it. It is not best perhaps that this nearly ideal one should be spared the conflict of life and escape the cruel, remorseless and unceasing warfare with sin and death through many years. Was not his life here the suggestion of a purer life in which he lives in perfect harmony to-day. The flower that was so beautifully unfolding to the morning sun of life, though blighted has given off a perfume whose fragrance grows sweeter as time makes his death more real.

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Explosions in Powder Mills.

Some Narrow Escapes—Why One Man Left the Business.

A writer in the New York *Tribune*, who began life as an employe in a powder mill, says:

One who has never looked upon the scene after a heavy mill has exploded cannot imagine the destruction involved in the immense force exerted by a ton or two of first-class powder. The first explosion after my connection with the works occurred in the packing house where the powder was being put in kegs for delivery to the government. It took place about 7 o'clock on a short December morning, just as I was eating my breakfast. A pane of glass from the window six feet away suddenly slapped the side of my head, and at the same time I heard and felt a tremendous report and heavy jar which made me think the world was coming to an end. Running out of doors I saw a heavy column of smoke shooting up in the air; all the tree tops in the vicinity of the building were full of burning powder bags which gave the scene a strangely weird look in the twilight of a dismal winter's morning. The only occupant of the mill was blown into a thousand pieces, the largest bit found being his left arm. These relics of poor humanity were scattered around in the woods for fully half a mile from the mill. At night when the coroner arrived to hold an inquest he asked for the corpse. Some one silently pointed to a peach basket placed on the stone wall; it was full of small pieces of flesh and bones, all that was left of a stalwart man. The victim's wife and daughter were in the house he had occupied not over 200 feet from the mill; the house was racked to pieces, but neither received a scratch, and the horse in the stable beside the house was found roaming around the yard unharmed.

The next explosion that I witnessed took place at noon of a July day. The hay in the yard about the mills had been cut and eight or ten men had been working around the corner mill all the forenoon drawing the hay away to the barn. At noon they went to dinner, and while they were eating the mill exploded, killing only its regular attendant. If it had occurred either an hour earlier or later eight or ten lives would have been lost. The mill stood on the bank of a pond about two acres in extent. The explosion forced the water completely out of the pond and over the dam, leaving nothing but the creek running through the centre. Where the building had stood a pit was dug large enough to hold a two-story house.

At one time a man was discharged from the works for neglect of duty. A fortnight after he met one of the employes in the village near and questioned him as to whether the men who worked at night were changed at the same hour as formerly. He was answered in the affirmative. That night about 11 o'clock I was awakened by a violent pounding on the door and a voice proclaiming that the office was on fire.' This building stood on a rather steep hill near. It was a combination of office and carpenter shop, and was used on occasion as a storage house for powder when other places were full. On hearing the cry of fire I pulled on my clothes—in my excitement getting on two vests—and started out of the house, picking up a pail of water on my way. At the gate I met the foreman, a tall lank Yankee. 'That's right,' said he, 'hurry up and follow me!' He threw himself against the door and burst it open. There was the fire flaming in one corner of the carpenter shop. A large pile of shavings had been raked up and set on fire apparently with a slow match. As we entered the fire began to gather headway and burned up brightly. At that moment I happened to think that there were about two hundred kegs of powder stored in the room directly over the carpenter shop and that the floor between consisted only of loose boards laid down on the beams! My courage came near leaving me and I shouted to the foreman, who was before me: 'For God's sake, come back! There's powder overhead!' 'I know that,' said he coolly, 'but we must put out the fire. 'Taking off his coat, he threw it over the shavings and threw himself full length on top of it. At the same time he called out to me: 'Now throw on the water!' and I did it, thoroughly drenching him and checking the flames materially. By the time the other workmen came running up the fire was out. Turning and grasping me by the hand the brave Yankee exclaimed: 'I would not have entered this building in the face of such danger as threatened us for all the company is worth if I hadn't thought it was my duty.' Examination showed that the office had been robbed of several costly rifles and other things, and then the fire was started to hide the crime. Several days after the employe who had met the discharged workman on the day of the fire happened to remember about his interview with him and reported it. Two or three other suspicious circumstances were recalled, he was arrested, and all the stolen goods found in his room. He had robbed the office and set fire to the building in revenge for his dismissal, little thinking and perhaps little caring how many lives might have been lost in consequence. If the fire had not been discovered at its start and had communicated with the powder, the result would have been terrible to the whole settlement. The criminal was sent to State prison for seven years.

The last explosion I witnessed, and the one which finally led me to leave the hills, has a little ghost story connected with it which makes the incredulous laugh, but which nevertheless occurred just as I tell it. One evening in June I started for home about 10 o'clock. It was a bright moonlight night and a warm one, and my road lay along a narrow causeway and over a bridge between two large ponds. The water looked inviting, and I concluded to take a swim all by myself; so I undressed and plunged in. I had finished my bath and was dressing to go home when I happened to look in the direction of one of the mills, only a part of the roof of which was visible from where I stood. As I looked at the mill I saw resting on the peak of the roof and facing directly toward me something that looked exactly like a human skull that had been coated with phosphorus and was all aflame. The empty eye sockets and the grinning jaws gave it a decidedly "hair raising" appearance, and I felt my heart going down toward my shoes in a decidedly lively manner. I stood and looked at it for fully ten minutes, not knowing whether to run or to stand my ground; I dared not go into the yard if I had felt inclined, as it was against the rules for those not on duty to enter. I finally went home, leaving the hideous object still glaring at me in the bright moonlight, and needless to say in a very unsettled state of mind. The next morning just as I sat down to breakfast there came a fearful explosion which shook the plaster all off the walls of the room and jammed one of the window sashes behind me over my head, breaking the glass all out of the sash and nearly stunning me. I jumped to my feet and started toward the door when there came another shock from another mill which had caught fire from the first. The mill where I had seen my "ghost" and to which I was going as soon as I had finished my breakfast had exploded and ignited the second mill. The occupant of the first mill was torn limb from limb. I had been working with him the day before in another part of the yard and had said to him: 'I wouldn't work in your mill for all the company is worth.' 'Oh, pshaw!' he answered, 'I would rather work there than anywhere else.' That was the last I saw of him until I found his disfigured remains the next morning. As for my "ghost" I have no explanation to offer. I have never seen one since. Although a firm disbeliever is supernatural apparitions in general I have always looked upon it as a warning of impending danger on that occasion.

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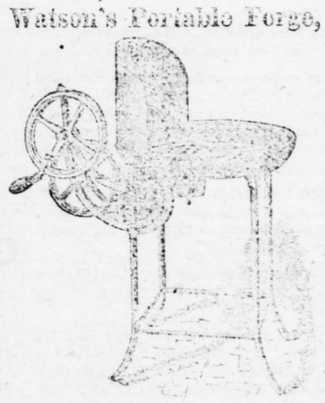

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